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PLAYING POLITICS

In an attempt to put W. C. Smith, M. L. A. for Redcliff, in wrong with the farmers of this constituency, the Medicine Hat News refers to the stand taken by Mr. Smith on the motion of C. R. Mitchell to have a committee appointed to investigate the mortgage loan question.

In its report of the debate on this motion the News makes no mention of the statement made by Attorney-General Brownlee at the opening of the debate, nor does it make any mention in its report of what Mr. Mitchell said.

In this statement, Mr. Brownlee said:

"The government were perfectly well aware of the legislation complained of by the mortgage association. It did not require a special committee to furnish information which had already been acquired by the administration after two years of the closest study of the situation."

The head offices of the mortgage were not responsible for the propaganda which has been carried on in the eastern provinces unceasingly, and of which the government had documentary evidence. Mr. Brownlee said he had been definitely informed by reliable investor representatives that a great deal of the recent propaganda had come from certain mortgage companies had made bad investments, and that these local managers were attempting to cover up bad business judgment by blaming the legislation on the statute books of Alberta.

Of the entire list of enactments complained of by the mortgage companies, only two—the grasshopper tax and the drainage tax—were the work of the present administration. "These," said Mr. Brownlee, "were two things the necessity for which the government hoped would pass away very soon."

We didn't notice the News or any criticism of the action of Mr. Tobin, Liberal member of Leduc, who voted the same way as Mr. Smith on this resolution. It might also be added that the two independent and the three Labor members also voted against the resolution.

This and similar criticisms in the News, reminds one of the story of the old lady who, after watching her son John march past with his regiment, remarked that "John was the only one in a step."

While some small party papers in Alberta are, for political purposes, trying to create a wrong impression of this province's financial condition, the Toronto Saturday Night in its financial section says the situation in Alberta is far from being so serious as had been broadcasted, and the government appears to be handling the situation much more generously than some critics had predicted or feared.

The criticism in the News will not be taken seriously by the farmers of this riding who are much better posted than the News appears to think.

Now that steps are well under way for a lacrosse league in this district, in which Redcliff will take part, it is hoped that the enthusiasm which is now so evident will be continued throughout the season. Lacrosse is a good game both for players and spectators. It is a game which

opens up avenues for skill and endurance, and, when properly played, is most dazzling, exciting and entertaining. Since most of the players in this district are practically beginners there is all the more reason why strict attention should be given to practicing and studying the game. If this is done, no matter whether the team is winning or losing, it will get the necessary support. If not, it will soon go the way of other lines of sport which have not given proper attention to these things.

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Here and There

Although the Canadian Pacific Railway has yet issued no forecast of construction contemplated for 1924, the fact that the company has 50,000 tons of steel from the Algoma Steel Company of Sarnia, Ont., seems to indicate that its program will be extensive.

According to a statement recently made by the Hon. Charles Mackenzie, Minister of Mines for the Province of Ontario, 85 per cent of the nickel supply in being taken out in the vicinity of Sudbury, where there is an inexhaustible supply of this metal.

Alberta's butter production last year for 1923 amounted to 1,324,000 pounds more than in 1922, an increase of 275,294 cords or 25 per cent. The 1923 figures are equivalent to about 500,000 tons of butterfat, the amount which can be manufactured from that amount of wood.

The year 1923 was a favorable one in the building and construction activities of Canada, and the record shows an advance of about 10 per cent. In 1922 the total expenditures in this regard were \$311,000,000, and in 1923 \$345,000,000, an increase of \$34,000,000.

Exports of pulpwood from Canada for the year 1923 amounted to 1,384,230 cords, compared with 1,371,325 for 1922, an increase of 12,905 cords or 25 per cent. The 1923 figures are equivalent to about 500,000 tons of wood, the amount which can be manufactured from that amount of wood.

C. E. Usher, General Passenger Traffic Manager, and E. J. Robert, First Assistant General Passenger Agent, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, have been presented with medals by the French Government, in recognition of their services to the French Exhibition held in Canada in 1921. The medals were of the value of \$100 each.

Attention has been drawn once more by airship experts in London, England, to the fact that the only known supply of helium gas in the British Empire exists in the Province of Alberta, that 10,000,000 feet of this gas is put to waste annually in this province and that the possibility of establishing an airship base at some future date in Alberta is being discussed.

Canada's fisheries production during 1923 is estimated to be \$4,000,000. At the beginning of the year it was not thought that anything like this mark would be reached, for the Fisheries tariff had cut deeply into exports to the United States. But as the year went on the demand and price generally improved, thus giving fishermen along the Atlantic coast especially a much better price.

Official figures recently issued show that the Dominion of Canada is the greatest single contributor to the wheat supply of the world. The stands second only to the United States in automobile exports. Her fine exports are far ahead of the palmist year years and are rapidly gaining in the foreign markets. Canada's mineral, forest, agricultural and fisheries industries are valued at \$2,430,000,000 or \$25,000,000 more than a year ago.

British immigration during the year 1923 amounted to 25,525, compared with 24,525 in the corresponding period of the previous year, an increase of 1,000 per cent. Immigration from the United States was 14,250, compared with 13,800, a decrease of nine per cent. Total immigration for the nine-month period of 1923 was 124,680, compared with 121,000 for the same period in the previous year, an increase of 107 per cent.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has received from the British Columbia and Alberta Railway a letter of appreciation for the services of the company's officers and crew of the steamship which saved the Japanese earthquake. For the purpose of purchasing the ship and for salvaging the ship and crew of the steamship which saved the Japanese earthquake. For the purpose of purchasing the ship and for salvaging the ship and crew of the steamship which saved the Japanese earthquake.

COMMUNICATION

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There is a general way that has tendency to reduce the length of life, health and vigor of the race.

Whereas if we had been properly instructed on this subject, and provided with such reliable sources that every woman would be enabled to so control the number of children she wants, and when she wants them, so as to more fully conform with her means and ability to provide care for them, we have now arrived at a stage in human development that demands quality, and that can not be secured unless we endeavor to give the women and especially the mothers, a chance to develop "voluntary motherhood." Under such conditions every child born would be a true "live child," desired and well provided for, conceived and developed without that dread and fear that today is pressing so heavy on the average mother. This, beyond doubt, is very harmful to the offspring, and is at present reducing the mothers in the early years of their life to nervous wrecks.

These influences and remedies when generally applied to practical use will have a tendency to revive the race. The

hereditary effects show would accomplish wonders, especially when we consider the marvelous opportunities now for intellectual development in every branch of human activity; opportunities which will make possible for us advantages such as no race or nation has heretofore had the chance to enjoy. It is now within physical possibility to make of this Canada of ours a "Heaven on Earth," instead of the living hell it now is for many. This is the only cure presents the conditions as they are. It also forecasts some of the possible things that we, by intel-

ligent and concerted actions can accomplish. The choice is with you. My appeal to you is demand your rights and to you women especially emancipate yourselves from your economic and physical subordination. Demand respect from all under suffering; seek enlightenment on these important questions; call meetings and discuss these problems with one another; learn to save yourselves from much of the unnecessary suffering that you now are subject to.

For further information address, Frances B. Ackerman, 104 Fifth Ave., New York City. She is treasurer of the "American Birth Control League," Inc. The purpose of this league is to secure a change in laws, so that mothers may be given information to control the size of their families. By filling out a "Life Enrollment Card," which cost \$1.00 you can secure the information you need. Trusting that you will give this matter the consideration it merits, and receive such benefit as can be derived therefrom.

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